

University of Massachusetts
Department Laboratory Safety Coordinators
Minutes of February 1, 2012 meeting
Draper Hall 102

Present: Phyllis Berman, Kim Howell, Jonathan Tominar-Lipari, Jim Hanchett, Ron Grosslein, Sally Ives, Sherry Webb-Yagodzinski, Al Rakouskas, Adrian Parsegian, Alex Briseno, Becky Lawlor, Sondra Slesinski, Hilary Woodcock, Jean Alamed, Elaine Batista Nogueira, Mary Larkum, Cole Tucker, Ryan Feyrer, Francis Caron, Barry Braun, Ruth Witkowsky, Joy Ward, Erika Hamilton, Richard Wood, Glenda Pons, Yung Morgan, Betsy Blunt, Vince Chase.

Meeting Start: 9:30
Meeting End: 10:30

Next meeting is March 7, 2012 at 9:30 Draper room 102

Agenda:

1. Glenda Pons informed the Coordinators that CEMS will be working on posting updated laboratory door signage for all of the labs on campus. Glenda asked the coordinators to Inform all PI's and research directors to update the hard copies of the signs. CEMS will pick them up, update the information and post new signage. If there are significant changes you can email Glenda at gpons@ehs.umass.edu
2. Glenda Pons mentioned that OIT wants all users of the CEMS program to use their UMass email addresses when logging on to CEMS. It is OIT policy that all university business be conducted through a UMass email address.
3. Glenda also mentioned the Laboratory Coat Program that is in the works for the UMass Amherst campus. A few coordinators expressed concerns regarding their role in the program. Glenda reassured the coordinators that we are just starting to discuss the process at this time and their concerns will be noted.
4. Yung presented some facts on hydrofluoric (HF) acid and osmium tetroxide oxide use on the UMass Amherst campus. She has started to visit the labs where HF is being used. Yung is supplying new Calcium Gluconate (expiration date 1/2013) gel, to be stored in the lab's first aid kit. The HF fact sheet should be posted on a dedicated hood for HF use only. Yung is also working on an SOP and a fact sheet for osmium tetroxide work. Locations for HF and osmium tetroxide storage are provided by CEMS.
5. Betsy Blunt discussed the recent outcomes of the 2008 UCLA fatality. She also discussed OSHA rules for public entities.
6. Betsy had electronically provided in pdf format Chapter 1 of the Chemical Hygiene Plan - Roles and Responsibilities for discussion at this meeting. Two coordinators discussed their concerns of using the word "assisting" and "implementing" in responsibilities of Department Safety Coordinators. Phyllis Berman from PSIS asked if she could provide suggestions by editing in the document. Chapter 1 was forwarded as a word document to Phyllis for her suggestions. Betsy mentioned that the roles and responsibilities of all parties will have final approval by the Institutional Chemical Safety Committee.
7. Judy LaDuc, EH&S Biosafety Services Manager, forwarded information about a free webinar entitled "Basic Disinfection Practices for Tissue Culture Laboratories" <http://www.brighttalk.com/webcast/6639/40843>